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**PETITION TO ACCEPT A DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER
35 U.S.C. 119(a) THROUGH (d) AND (f), OR 365(a)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c))**

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The time in which the reference must be submitted is governed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii), which states:

"(ii) This reference must be submitted during the pendency of the later-filed application. If the later-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), this reference must also be submitted within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the later-filed application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed application. If the later-filed application is a nonprovisional application which entered the national stage from an international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371, this reference must also be submitted within the later of four months from the date on which the national stage commenced under 35 U.S.C. 371(b) or (f) in the later-filed international application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed application. These time periods are not extendable. Except as provided in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, the failure to timely submit the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section is considered a waiver of any benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, or 365(c) to such prior-filed application. The time periods in this paragraph do not apply if the later-filed application is:

- (A) An application for a design patent;*
- (B) An application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before November 29, 2000; or*
- (C) A nonprovisional application which entered the national stage after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 from an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before November 29, 2000."*

1. Applicant hereby petitions, in accordance with § 1.55(c), to accept a claim for priority for this application under:

- 35 U.S.C. 119(a)
- 35 U.S.C. 365

from:

Foreign application: JP 11-024203

Country (or intellectual property authority) Japan

Filed on 01/01/1999 (day/month/year)

2. Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due under paragraph (a)(1) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.
3. The surcharge fee set forth in § 1.17(t) required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55(c)(1), is paid as follows:

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